

**Privatisation of post offices**

**124. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to privatise more than 100 post offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to give post offices on franchise basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Dues of IUC in respect of supplementary charges**

**125. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large amounts of IUC (Interconnect Usage Charges) dues in respect of supplementary bills are pending from different Basic Private Operators;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these private operators are offering limited mobility services on fixed phones;

(c) if so, the details for (a) and (b) above operator-wise; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):** (a) Yes,